HAMPTON PUBLIC HEARING **MINUTES** January 15, 2004

Budget Committee Members Present

Sandy Buck, Chairman Charlene Carliell, Vice Chairman/CIP Representative Ginny Bridle, Selectmen's Representative Nancy Serpis, School Board Representative Rich Bernstein Pat Collins Maury Friedman Eileen Latimer Mike Plouffe

Rich Reniere

Mary-Louise Woolsey

Excused

Warren Bambury Dick Hansen Gary Kubik

Chairman Buck called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brian Warburton, Chairman, Board of Selectmen.

Chairman buck introduced the members of the Budget Committee.

Chairman Buck said that the purpose of this Public Hearing is to go over the Operating Budget and Warrant Articles for the Town of Hampton. This Operating Budget and these Warrant Articles have already been recommended by the Budget Committee. The purpose of this meeting is to receive input from the public. There will be another meeting to finalize the Budget and Warrant Articles to go to the Town Deliberative Session.

Ms. Woolsey expressed concern that the meeting had not been posted on the sign in front of Town Hall. Chairman Buck stated that the meeting was duly posted according to state RSA's.

TOWN OF HAMPTON OPERATING BUDGET

James Barrington, Town Manager, presented a recommended change to the Budget. This change is regarding Debt Service. A payment from 2004 has been deferred until 2005, and, therefore, the total Operating Budget would change from \$22,664,303 to \$22,099,706.

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REVENUES

Revenue sheets were distributed to those attending the Public Hearing. Chairman Buck asked for comments from the public.

No comment.

WARRANT ARTICLES

Chairman Buck asked for comments from the public.

No comment.

There being no further business or comments, chairman Buck adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

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Chairman Buck called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

The Committee agreed to postpone the reading of the Minutes of January 13, 2004 until the next meeting to allow board members time to review.

Moved by Ms. Bridle, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to change the total Operating Budget total to \$22,099,706.

Ms. Woolsey said she was opposed on the basis that the money in the Special Revenue Funds should be calculated and put into the total figure for the 2004 Budget.

Ms. Bridle said that the public has approved the use of Special Revenue Funds. These funds should not become part of the Operating Budget because they are self-supporting. This has been the desire of the public as voted on at Town Meeting in 2001, 2002 and 2003.

Vote: 9 yes, 2 no (Collins, Woolsey). Motion passed.

Moved by Ms. Bridle, seconded by Mr. Bernstein, to recommend the Revenue Sheet as well as the Warrant Articles.

Vote: 10 yes, 1 no (Woolsey). Motion passed.

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Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Latimer, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 10 yes, 1 no (Woolsey). Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice Secretary